Recently we have taken a decision to import maize and provide that maize exclusively for poultry feed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 268.

*267. [*Transferred to 12th September, 1991*]

....**Modernisation of mines in M. P.**

*268. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mining industries in State of Madhya Pradesh have not been modernised even upto the minimum desired level and only the outdated technology is in use in the mines located in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to modernise the mining techniques in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) by when all the mines in the State are likely to be modernised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Regarding modernisation of mines in Madhya Pradesh

(a) and (b) In Madhya Pradesh there are 512 mines covering 24 minerals (1989 provisional figures). Out of these, 467 mines are manually operated, 11 are semi-mechanised and 34 are mechanised. Out of total mineral production of 32.2 million tonnes in 1989 and 33.4 million tonnes in 1990, 30.7 million tonnes and 31.1 million tonnes respectively was contributed by mines in the mechanised and semi-mechanised categories. Manually operated mines contributed around 5 per cent of production. As regards technology, the fully mechanised mines are using modern technology including equipment such as large capacity dumpers, large diameter blast hole drills, front end loaders, hydraulic or electric power shovels. Some mines have also installed computer facilities. Many are having modern crushing and screening plants and a few have installed benefication plants. Reclamation of waste dumps through afforestation are being commonly adopted in the mechanised mines. On the other hand, in manually operated mines the operations are mainly labour oriented and are on a small scale with limited financial resources. These small manual mines are spread widely in the State.

(c) and (d) Mining technology has to be appropriate to the location, scale of operations and investment capabilities of the enterpreneur or enterprise. Upgradation of technology is an ongoing process in mechanised mines which generally have programmes of replacement, renewal, modifications and conditions in equipment to suit changing mining conditions and market requirements. For example, Bhilai Steel Plant has proposals for dumperisation of transport of iron ore, introduction of input crushing, expansion of benefication plant, etc.

(e) In view of the facts stated, mining operations are likely to use a variety of methods depending on the scale of operations, mining conditions and other relevant factors.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : माननीय सभापति जी, चूंकि समय बहुत कम है इसलिए मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि मध्य प्रदेश में और ज्यादा मिनरल्स मिल सकें, इस बात को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना में मध्य प्रदेश की जो खानें हैं उनको मार्डेनाइज करने के लिए सरकार की तरफ से क्या-क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

श्री बलराम सिंह यादव : महोदय, मध्य प्रदेश में जो खानें हैं वे बहुत छोटी खानें हैं (व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति : खानें छोटी हैं ? बेलाडीला भी है वहां। कोयले की खानें भी हैं।

श्री बलराम सिंह यादव : वहां अधिकांश खानें छोटी हैं और कुछ खानें जो बड़ी हैं

वे मार्डेनाइज्ड हैं। वहां अधिक से अधिक उत्पादन के लिए लेटेस्ट टेक्नोलोजी यूज हो रही है।

श्री सभापति : छोटी खानों के लिए क्या करेंगे आप? मैंगनीज वगैरह के लिए।

श्री बलराम सिंह यादव : जो मिनरल माइंस हैं वे ज्यादातर छोटी है और उनमें लेटस्ट टेक्नोलोजी का प्रयोग नहीं हो रहा है लेकिन फिर भी जिन खानों में लेटेस्ट टेक्नोलोजी यूज हो सकती है उसके लिए अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए इंडियन ब्यूरो ऑफ माईंस ने एक बेस पेपर तैयार किया है।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि पिछले पांच वर्षों में मध्य प्रदेश में कितना खनिज पदार्थों का खनन किया गया और यह पूरे देश के उत्पादन का कितना प्रतिशत है ? मध्य प्रदेश में खनन बढ़ाया जाय इस दृष्टि से अगले पांच वर्षों में सरकार की तरफ से किये जाने वाले प्रयास क्या होंगे ?

श्री बलराम सिंह यादव : महोदय, जो आंकड़े हमारे पास उपलब्ध हैं उनके हिसाब से 1988 में 1493 करोड़ रुपये के खनिजों का खनन किया गया है और 1989 में 1866 करोड़ रुपये के खनिजों का खनन किया गया है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Modernisation of MG workshop, Ajmer

*262. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernize the M.G. workshop at Ajmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the capital outlay involved; and

(d) the funds provided in the current year's budget for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Modernisation of Ajmer Workshop was sanctioned in 1984-85 for increasing the periodical overhauling outturn and reduction in repair time cycle of MG Rolling Stock.

(c) Rs. 32.89 crores.

(d) Rs. 5.99 crores.

Strengthening of cooperative movement

*264. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to strengthen the Cooperative movement in the country and improve its existing infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to revitalise the cooperative movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various steps to strengthen and revitalise the cooperatives have been initiated. These, *inter-alia*, include:—

— drafting a model legal framework to make the cooperatives vibrant democratic organisation;

— strengthening federal cooperatives in the State and National level.

— operationalising the recommendation of the Agricultural Credit Review Committee by way of preparation and implementation of the business development plans for primary cooperatives to make them economically viable; and

— promotion of self-help groups amongst the rural poor as a subsystem of primary cooperatives.

National Fisheries Development Bank

*269. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry has